

they have carte blanche optometrists, student, I mean, has you believing an optometrist can take 44 hours in voodoo, underwater basket weaving, history of American jazz, philosophy of Star Trek, and treat glaucoma. That's not the case at all, Senator Robinson. Read the bill. Section 4, subsection 3, outlines the courses, outlines some things that are going on. It's not like that. And (inaudible) said, well, 44...with a mere 44 hours of education they can go out and do this. Well, obviously, you've got to remember that's after probably eight years of education, you know, seven or eight years. I mean, either after a baccalaureate degree or a year prior to receiving a baccalaureate degree these students enter optometric school and are there for four years. And so it's not like me or one of the Pages taking a 44-hour class to treat glaucoma. It's not like that. You know, and mostly you want to scare people in saying these half-baked people don't know anymore what they're talking about, going to let them do this. I mean, if you're somebody that's...after seven or eight years of school, you take a 44-hour course. And so it's, you know, you're not dealing with just anybody that can do this. And, actually, with the preceptorship that we've added in this amendment, it's the 44 hours, plus the 40 hours of preceptorship that an ophthalmologist has to agree to. And if the ophthalmologists don't agree to it, how are you going to work forward on it? And so I think we have a reasonable...a reasonable amendment as is. The issue of jurisdiction, obviously, the docs don't want the bill. And if you get the Bernard-Stevens amendment passed, we may pass a bill but logically what's going to happen, as Senator Wesely so accurately pointed out, they'll continue to fight it procedurally even with the bill. They don't like it. That's the way it is on these turf battles and that's the way it's always been. We always know that. And Senator Robinson, I mean, I understand that you have little or no faith in the 407 process, I would argue that people on those boards, I know they know much more than I do. Now, obviously, a man of wisdom of you and worked all those years for the Omaha Westside School District, you may know a lot about eyes. You may know more than all those people, I don't know. I can't judge for you. I can judge for myself. I think that technical review committee and the Board of Health, they're people trained in this issue. They've made a decision. Now if you uniformly want to reject everything they've come forward with them because they don't know anything, that's fine. I think that's a mistake. I think that just makes these sort of battles more prevalent on this floor...